

WHEREAS, the rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, given by God and enumerated in our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and the Bill of Rights enjoyed by every citizen of the United States are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2004 passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day and Flag Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 14, 2009, as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as

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in Santa Rosa County, and encourage all citizens to show gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a vote of <u>5</u> yeas, <u>0</u> nays, and <u>0</u> absent of the Board of County Commissioners this <u>9<sup>th</sup></u> day of April, 2009.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Don Salter, Chairman